

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2021
12:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on April 26, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Paul Hadzick called the meeting to order.

Council Members attending: Joseph Cyburt, Theresa D’Andrea, Norman Richie, Paul J. Hadzick and those attending via speaker phone: Harold Farrow, Jeffery Miller and Joseph Thomas.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O’Donnell; Police Chief Brian Markovchick; Journal Newspapers reporter, Seth Isenberg; Edward Moyer (Live Streaming to Facebook) and resident: Elizabeth Parker.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2021, were approved on a motion by Theresa D’Andrea, seconded by Joseph Cyburt, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The checking account balances as of March 31, 2021, totaled \$508,564.56.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Theresa D’Andrea and by roll call vote:

Harold Farrow	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Joseph Thomas	Yes	Theresa D’Andrea	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	Yes	

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The Manager provided a listing of the bills paid on April 8, April 15, April 22, and those to be paid on April 29, 2021, in the amount of \$91,222.79 and they were approved for payment on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and on a roll call vote:

Joseph Thomas	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Harold Farrow	Yes
Theresa D’Andrea	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	Yes	

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Memorial Day Parade

Seth Isenberg asked if there would be a Memorial Day parade this year. Harold Farrow stated that there would be no parade this year and the rest of the area was not parading.

BUSINESS:

1. Review and Award Bid for Demolition of 1007A North Street.

Mr. Pudliner stated that he received 3 bids for the demolition of 1007A North Street. The bids received were as follows:

Umbriac Trucking	\$ 13,860.00
RH Construction	\$ 14,450.00
Feaster Excavating	Too Busy to Take on Project

Solicitor Nanovic recommended that Council approve the low bid and put a 20 day hold on the start date of the work. He said that the Bank feels there is still equity in the property.

A motion to award the low bid with a 20-day delay in demolition for the Solicitor and Borough Manager to contact the bank was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by a roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Joseph Cyburt	Yes	Harold Farrow	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Joseph Thomas	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	Yes	

2. Authorize Solicitor to Publish Garbage Ordinance.

Mr. Pudliner provided Council with a copy of the revised Garbage Ordinance because the one that is presently being used is not correct and does need to be revised. The current ordinance mentions a transfer station and does not mention anything about the payment being made even if the dwelling is not occupied. Mr. Pudliner requested a change in the ordinance because this year the Borough must go out to bid for a new contract.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to publish the garbage ordinance was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Norman Richie and approved on a roll call vote:

Norman Richie	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Harold Farrow	Yes
Joseph Thomas	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	Yes	

3. Review and Approve Handicapped Parking Request.

Mr. Pudliner received a request for an additional handicapped parking space on Third Street and provided Council with a list of handicapped spots on Third Street because there are quite a few spots on the street already.

A motion to authorize the Manager to proceed with the handicap parking request was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

4. Swimming Pool Rates.

Mr. Pudliner asked Council to consider charging for all people to swim at the park dam. Currently residents are not charged and only people from outside the Borough are charged to swim. With the way it is currently being handled almost no one pays to swim. The Borough pays for the lifeguards, chemicals for the pool, for water testing and the lifeguard's certification renewals. He suggests that everyone pay \$2.00 per day to swim with no season pass.

A motion to approve the \$2.00 per person per day swim fee for now and amend if needed was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Theresa D’Andrea and approved on roll call vote:

Theresa D’Andrea	Yes	Harold Farrow	Yes
Joseph Thomas	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Paul Hadzick		Yes	

5. Proclamation for “POP OUT Day”.

Mr. Pudliner received a request from the Legion Auxiliary of Post 360 for Council to approve and proclaim a proclamation for “POP OUT Day” that reads as follows:

POP-OUT DAY

WHEREAS, the youth of Carbon County is one of the County’s most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five children in the United States are obese or at risk of becoming obese; and

WHEREAS, obesity is now proven to be a direct cause of health-related diseases and costs business and industry millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, data has proven that there is a direct relationship between increased soft drink consumption, inactivity and overweight children; and

WHEREAS, it is further understood that high sugar beverages provide limited nutritional value and should be consumed on a limited basis as per the food guide pyramid; and

WHEREAS, there are other beverages available that offer nutritional advantages such as 100% fruit juices and milk.

NOW THEREFORE, The Weatherly Borough Council, does hereby proclaim May 12, 2021 as “POP OUT” day in Weatherly and urge all children, their parents and citizens of Weatherly to restrain or restrict their consumption of empty calories as in soft drinks, ice tea, and sports drinks.

ADOPTED BY, Weatherly Borough Council on this 29th day of April, 2021.

A motion to approve the Proclamation for “POP OUT Day” was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

6. Discussion on Packer Township Fire Protection.

Because Council did not accepted the proposal from Packer Township, Mr. Nanovic sent a letter to their solicitor indicating that the proposal was not acceptable. Mr. Pudliner provided Council with a copy of the letter sent to Packer Township. Mr. Pudliner stated that it was his understanding that the supervisors had tabled it at their last meeting. Mr. Pudliner informed Council of their options, which were:

1. Stand with the letter that Mr. Nanovic wrote to them and stay with the per capita
2. Go along with the graduated schedule that Packer submitted minus the paragraphs removed and or include the back monies due from the beginning of the year.

3. Instruct Mr. Nanovic to send a letter notifying them that their fire protection provided by Weatherly Borough will be terminating on whatever time frame they chose.

Norman Richie stated that there was no response from Packer Township since the last meeting and suggested tabling until the next meeting. Packer Township said they got the Borough proposal too late for their meeting.

A motion to table the Packer Township Fire Protection Agreement for one month was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

7. Approval to Create Civil Service List.

Mr. Pudliner informed Council that the Civil Service List would need to be updated because the Borough will be losing an officer. He would be notifying the Commission that he will be updating the list and hiring. Mr. Pudliner also believed that some changes should be made to the Rules and Regulations in regards to the physical agility portion of the testing. The changes must be submitted to the Commission for approval and then the changes would be presented to Council for approval.

A motion to create a Civil Service list was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

8. Schwab School Insurance.

Mr. Pudliner informed Council that the insurance carrier had inspected the Schwab school and it happened to be raining that day. It was also raining inside the building because it leaks so bad. He provided Council with a copy of the letter from the insurance company with their recommendations. Based on the letter, if the Borough does not comply in the 30 days, they will more than likely terminate the coverage. Mr. Pudliner also made Council aware that he met with the fire extinguisher company and received a price to comply and provided them with a copy of the price (8 extinguishers @ \$85 ea., \$680.00). He did not receive an estimate from the roofing company as of the date of the meeting. Mr. Pudliner will be checking into the Save the School Group's insurance coverage in the event that our coverage gets dropped. He did feel that their coverage would suffice for the coverage of the building. Mr. Pudliner stated that the Borough should let things play out for now.

Theresa D'Andrea questioned how many keys are out for the Schwab School because people went up while the roofers were at the building. Joseph Cyburt stated that Mr. Charles Palermo does have a key.

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Old Borough Building

Elizabeth Parker asked what was happening with the old Borough Building. Paul Hadzick stated that the sale of the building will be reposted.

Ambulance Building

Seth Isenberg asked what was going to happen to the ambulance building. Mr. Pudliner stated that the Borough's current ambulance service, Mahoning Valley Ambulance, is using the building.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea.